AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 (cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion having a rounded distal end, an open end opposite said first end, ~~and~~ an axis passing through said rounded distal end and said open end, and a first portion extending away from said side wall at said open end in a direction toward said axis;

a flange at said open end, said flange including ~~a first portion extending away from said side wall at said open end in a direction toward said axis, and also including~~ a ~~second~~ first portion extending in a ~~generally~~ radial direction of said container body away from said first portion; of said container body, and also including a second portion extending outwardly away from an outer periphery of said first portion of said flange;

at least one protrusion formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body; ~~and~~

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said at least one protrusion removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body on the support surface in an upright position by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and placing said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell on the support surface; and

a lid for hermetically sealing said container body, said lid including a first portion that is to be received within said first portion of said container body, and also including a second portion that is

to be received on said first portion of said flange when said first portion of said lid is received within said first portion of said container body, said second portion of said lid terminating at an outer peripheral edge thereof such that when said second portion of said lid is on said first portion of said flange said outer peripheral edge is surrounded by and positioned radially inwardly of said second portion of said flange.

Claims 27-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The packaging container according to claim 26, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and placing said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell on the support surface, said rounded distal end of said container body is spaced from the support surface.

33. (Previously Presented) The packaging container according to claim 26, wherein said at least one protrusion is on a portion of said side wall of said container body that is between an axial central portion of said container body and said first end.

Claim 34 (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The packaging container according to claim 26, wherein said at least one protrusion comprises plural protrusions in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body.

36. (Previously Presented) The packaging container according to claim 35, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell

supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and placing said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell on the support surface, said rounded distal end of said container body is spaced from the support surface.

37. (Previously Presented) The packaging container according to claim 35, wherein said plural protrusions are on a portion of said side wall of said container body that is between an axial central portion of said container body and said first end.

Claims 38-41 (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) The packaging container according to claim ~~41~~ 26, further comprising grooves in said side wall, said grooves tapering in a direction from said open end toward said rounded distal end.

43. (Previously presented) The packaging container according to claim 42, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and placing said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell on the support surface, said rounded distal end of said container body is spaced from the support surface.

Claims 44-45 (Cancelled)